



LEOH (Life Enrichment of Houston)

April 6, 2023 Newsletter



WELCOME to SPRING at LEOH - Our 42nd Year!
Fellowship Hall, Bellaire UMC

WE ARE CONTINUING TO WELCOME OUR NEW LEOH MEMBERS (ALONG WITH OUR "OLD" MEMBERS)!

Please wear your name tag upon receipt; we encourage all members to wear them, to help everyone learn who's who!



MORNING ACTIVITIES AND SPEAKERS, BEGINNING AT 9:30 a.m. — FELLOWSHIP HALL

REGISTRATION TABLE: Current members may pick up their name tag on the way in, just outside Fellowship Hall, in the Welcome Center. New and "old" members who still need to register for this Spring may do so.

Please note: The Spring membership log is still being updated. Once it is completed and available to members, please review your information for accuracy. Give any corrected information to our President, Ken Euler, or to Jane Shinn.

REFRESHMENTS (coffee, tea, water, snacks) are available to everyone prior to and between speakers.



10:00 a.m. TOWN HALL: Liz Schwarze, VP, Global Exploration, Chevron Corp., will discuss how and what energy has evolved, and what the future holds for being able to create energy systems that deliver reliability, affordability, and sustainability.



11:15 a.m. WHAT'S UP HOUSTON? Tim Pylate, Executive Director, Armand Bayou Nature Center, examines and reviews the benefits of Greenspace, and notes its many aspects that can improve our lives.



LEOH members: Please remember to silence your phones (and yourself) during the speaker presentations!



LUNCH AND AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

12:15 p.m. WEEKLY LUNCH DRAWING (Fellowship Hall), ANNOUNCEMENTS, and PRAYER/INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT

On the first Thursday that a member attends, they may add their name to the LEOH bowl upon arrival that morning. Each Thursday, the lucky person whose name is drawn by our Town Hall speaker will enjoy a free lunch (last week's winner was David Martin). Susan Downs provided inspirational words prior to lunch last week.

LUNCH (Fellowship Hall)

Enjoy a sub, along with a cookie and chips, from **Firehouse Subs**, plus a drink and ice cream cup! All for \$7. (Donations are always welcome, too!)



12:45 p.m. SOCIAL BRIDGE (Fellowship Hall) coordinators Paula Koehn/Jean Vorhaben

1:00 p.m. YEAR-ROUND BRIDGE (Room 131) coordinator Pat Roberts

1-3:30 p.m. WATERCOLOR PAINTING (Room 122) instructor Marie Schaefer

1:15-2:00 p.m. SPANISH CLASS (Room 123) instructor Maura Rodriguez



DON'T FORGET OUR LEOH SERVICE PROJECT—PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR APRIL 20TH!



LEOH is once again participating in a service project, aimed at helping those in need in our surrounding communities.



Speaker committee member Judy Bristol arranged for representatives from Refugee Services (Interfaith Ministries) to speak on April 20th.

This program helps in resettlement of legal refugees, in conjunction with the US State Dept. and Episcopal Migration Ministries.

These refugees desperately need just very basic items to begin and sustain their lives here. Examples of item needs include:

kitchen, bath, personal hygiene, cleaning supplies, any other useful items you can think of! Your box, basket, or bag will also likely be useful! A few extra empty baskets are available for you to take and fill (at display table).

Please consider contributing to this worthy cause by filling a basket, box, or bag with needed items, or by just bringing the items themselves, to LEOH **on or before April 20th**. **Items do not have to be new—your "gently used" items would be greatly appreciated.** **Items are being stored for safekeeping in Room 124 (please, no food items).**

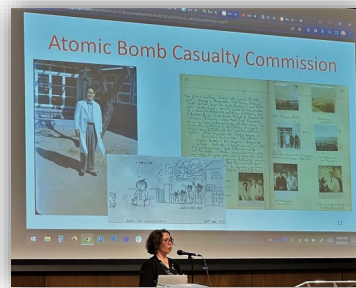
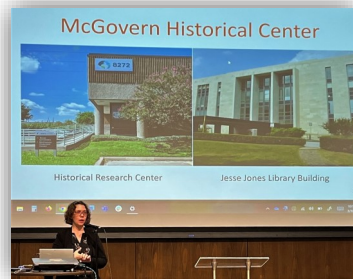
Our Refugee Services speakers will gladly take all items with them when they leave, after speaking on the 20th.



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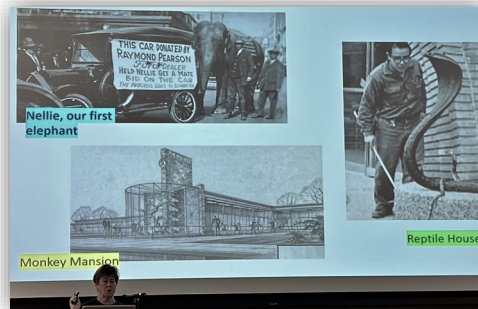
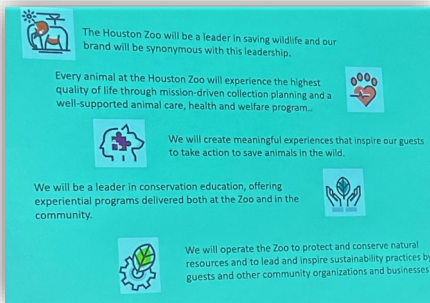
(See a few memories from last week below)



Speaker **Sandra Yates**, Head of the McGovern Historical Center, TMC Library, gave everyone a fascinating peek into the history of the Texas Medical Center, and discussed some of the many interesting and sometimes unusual archives. For example, we learned about the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission; and heard interviews with notables such as Dr. Michael DeBakey, along with viewing film excerpts of historic surgeries.

The best part? Learning that anyone can go online to see and hear much of the library's content:

Website: library.tmc.edu/mcgovern; Search: archives.library.tmc.edu; The Black Bag: library.tmc.edu/mcgovern/news



Speaker **Mardi Turner**, Houston Zoo volunteer, discussed the zoo's past, present, and exciting future. Early zoo photos show a fundraising effort; the envisioned "monkey mansion", and a very large cobra!

Current exciting events and news include the birth of 3 radiated tortoises, Dill, Gherkin, and Jalapeno. Two baby meerkats also made their debut. Proud tortoise parents are Mrs. Pickles and 90-year-old Mr. Pickles.

The near future includes a grand opening of the Galapagos Islands addition on April 7th. Residents will include penguins, sea lions, and more, plus a 270,000-gallon aquarium habitat.

Other new additions include the Pantanal, and the Texas Wetlands. Find out more at houstonzoo.org.

TRIPS

The April 19th trip will be by Precinct One bus to Smith Rookery on High Island, to enjoy seeing a multitude and variety of migrating birds. Full trip details and the opportunity to sign up are available approximately one month prior to a trip.

Ann may be contacted at fairann@sbcglobal.net or 281-686-1325.

BOOK CART AND DISPLAY TABLE

Feel free to borrow a book or puzzle and remember to return it when done! Other display table items are free to keep. Enjoy!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FAMILY ILLNESS/LOSS

Kelly Cervenka is our LEOH Member Care Coordinator, and will be happy to send an appropriate card on LEOH's behalf to a family member, at your request. You may contact Kelly at 281-814-6721, or kcervenka39@gmail.com.

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKERS

10:00: Edward M. Emmett, Fellow, Baker Institute, Rice University, uses his experience with transportation and interstate commerce to explore the past, present, and future roles of highways.

11:15: Allison Bell, Executive Director, Houston Heritage Society, notes that the Heritage Society was and is dedicated to the preservation of the history of Houston. It operates ten historic buildings that date from 1823 to 1905, and are located in Sam Houston Park, an outdoor interactive museum and park.

Questions about LEOH? Contact Ken Euler at 713-664-5740 or ken@bethanyumc.org. Bellaire UMC may be reached at 713-666-2167.